REMARKS

The Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-12. Claims 13-24 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 7 and 19 were amended to correct a typographical error and for no other reason. Claims 18-24 have been amended to correct claim dependency, and for no other reason. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2525. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (707) 543-0221.

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